



Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Wildlife Internship Network

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Division: Bureau of Wildlife Resources

Position: Hatcheries Intern

Work Location: Wytheville Fish Cultural Station

Time Period: Spring, Summer

DGIF MISSION STATEMENT

The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' mission is to:

- **Conserve** and manage wildlife populations and habitat for the benefit of present and future generations.
- **Connect** people to Virginia's outdoors through boating, education, fishing, hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, and other wildlife-related activities.
- **Protect** people and property by promoting safe outdoor experiences and managing human-wildlife conflicts.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

An internship at Wytheville Hatchery consists of hands-on learning of basic fish culture and other aquaculture skills at a large scale, serial reuse, flow through raceway cold water trout production facility. Intern duties vary daily from basic fish husbandry work (feeding, moving, grading fish, etc.) to more advanced activities (spawning, egg sorting, etc.) depending on the season and total hours of internship. The basics of trout life history, rearing techniques, production concepts and disease diagnosis and control are discussed and practiced as applicable. Outdoor work in varying weather conditions is the norm with some grounds keeping or light maintenance work but the focus is on aquaculture concepts and practice.